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5 accompanied by a compression request for transmission of the data at a specified compression ratio. Upon receipt of this request, the server retrieves the specific data from a data source, such as a web server or ftp server. An agent at the remote server intercept the retrieved data and compresses at least part of the retrieved data prior to transmission.

10 After transmission to the remote client in compressed form over the communications link in accordance with the compression request, the data is decompressed and restored to an uncompressed intelligible form.

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